GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that medicines to be made available in CGHS dispensaries are not in supply and mostly these medicines are indented for local purchase causing inconvenience to the beneficiaries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures being taken to improve the condition of CGHS dispensaries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): Adequate stock of medicines/drugs are available in the CGHS dispensaries.These medicines are supplied to the dispensaries through the CGHS Medical Store Depots/Govt. Medical Store Depots.Medicines, which are not available in the dispensaries are indented with the Authorised Local Chemists appointed by the CGHS based on individual prescription of the beneficiaries.The indented medicines are normally supplied to the beneficiaries on the next working day. For urgently required medicines, authority slips are issued to the beneficiaries for obtaining them directly from the authorized local chemists without making any payment so as to avoid any inconvenience to the beneficiaries.

(b) & (c): In view of (a) above the question do not arise.